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Dear Sir

Some 10 or 15 days

^{ago} I put into our P.O. a letter of inquiry to you - I have since learned that your present residence is ~~not~~ Boston but N. York City.

The chief object is to learn from you, self, whether, in your History of the abolition of American Slavery, you will deem it best to notice the Oberlin Educational Enterprise especially the ^{from England} gift to Oberlin of 30,000 Dollars in gold at the period ~~of~~ ^{of} its deepest pecuniary embarrassment - a gift which in fact proved the effectual escape of the old torrent from desolation.

Please inform me

1. Will find it your judgment to take

any notice in your narrative of this
English gift.

2. To what extent - if in any.

3. Will you not ^{went} the fact that such
a gift came to O. in its extremely &
some of the attendant facts -

I am not in full possession of the place
you would or do ascribe to Oberlin in the
struggle against the slave power.

You know its anti-slavery position -

- that colored students have a home here.

- & maybe - that the Oberlin Trustees

opened the door of admission to membership
to the College, of the negro, on the same
terms as the white applicant. And -

But even if you do not deem it best to give us
as an Institution prominence - surely in
some form the fact that this surmount was
contributed by British abolitionists, as an ex-
pression of their sympathy with the abolitionists
of this country ^{should have} therefore -

Tell me 1. If you intend to notice this

2. Have I not some facts which you would
properly use - I am ready to give you the
leading facts as soon as you shall signify to me
your demand for them.

Respectfully John Keep